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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 3,881,956 (Williams);

U.S. Patent No. 5,547,777 (Richards); and

Japanese Publication No. Hei-8-171926, published July 2, 1996,
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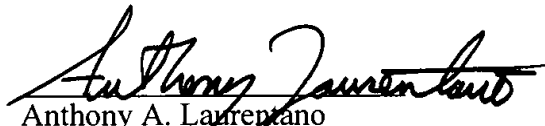
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A copy of the foregoing publications, including an English abstract of the Japanese publication, and a reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompany this statement.

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